FCFE from the statement of cash flows

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- The statement of cash flows can be used to back into a FCFE, if you are willing to navigate your way through it and not trust it fully.
- □ FCFE
 - = Cashflow from Operations
 - Capital Expenditures (from the cash flow from investments)
 - Cash Acquisitions (from the cash flow from investments)
 - (Debt Repaid Debt Issued) (from financing cash flows)
 - = FCFE
- Alternatively, you can also do the following:
 - FCFE Dividends + Stock Buybacks Stock Issuances + Change in Cash Balance

FCFE across the life cycle

Bar Mitzvah scaling up Test Crisis Game The Product Test The Lightbulb (Idea) Moment Midlife Ш Revenues The Ê The The FCFE Earnings Time Lifecycle Stage Start-up **High Growth** Mature Young Mature Decline Stable Growth Growth Net profits level Net profits Large net Net losses narrow Net profits Net profits losses turn positive grow quickly off, with debt as decline Earnings wild card. Divestment Very High High Remain large, Continue to Low Reinvestment (creating positive needed for growth but scale down decrease on cash flows) in percent. scaled basis. Usually Usually If debt exists, Net debt cash Net debt cash Net debt cash Debt cash flow (Debt issued - repaid) none none net positive, flow positive. flow neutal. flow negative. but small. Free CF to Equity Negative May get more Turns positive Positive & Positive & Positive & as growth slows growing (faster higher than (Potential cash negative, with more stable return) growth than earnings) earnings. Cash from/to Equity Dividends + Liquidating Equity Self-funding Equity Dividends Buybacks Buybacks Issuances

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FCFE over time: Tesla



Dividends versus FCFE: Across the globe

						% from	Dividends &
Sub Group	Number of firms	Net Income	FCFE	Dividends	Buybacks	Buybacks	Buybacks
Africa and Middle East	1,836	\$287,726	\$166,013	\$135,838	\$6,294	4.43%	\$142,132
Australia & NZ	1,747	\$87,050	\$42,589	\$46,335	\$9,618	17.19%	\$55,953
Canada	2,722	\$108,466	\$51,038	\$41,972	\$49,568	54.15%	\$91,540
China	6,955	\$547,342	-\$104,496	\$385,863	\$52,207	11.92%	\$438,070
EU & Environs	5,243	\$729,059	\$222,602	\$288,933	\$167,055	36.64%	\$455,988
Eastern Europe & Russia	287	\$11,231	\$1,046	\$2,820	\$260	8.44%	\$3,080
India	3,574	\$91,378	\$40,753	\$39,666	\$4,812	10.82%	\$44,478
Japan	3,787	\$308,343	-\$39,819	\$98,210	\$47,168	32.45%	\$145,377
Latin America & Caribbean	821	\$118,737	\$27,418	\$51,888	\$19,092	26.90%	\$70,981
Small Asia	8,792	\$353,996	-\$33,074	\$148,951	\$14,853	9.07%	\$163,804
UK	1,052	\$174,809	\$3,715	\$86,273	\$62,727	42.10%	\$149,001
United States	5,593	\$1,447,102	\$231,847	\$523,330	\$956,190	64.63%	\$1,479,520
Global	42,409	\$4,265,236	\$609,631	\$1,850,079	\$1,389,844	42.90%	\$3,239,922.8

Estimating FCFE when Leverage is Stable

Net Income

- (1- DR) (Capital Expenditures Depreciation)
- (1- DR) Working Capital Needs
- = Free Cash flow to Equity
- DR = Debt/Capital Ratio

For this firm,

 Proceeds from new debt issues = Principal Repayments + (Capital Expenditures - Depreciation + Working Capital Needs)

In computing FCFE, the book value debt to capital ratio should be used when looking back in time but can be replaced with the market value debt to capital ratio, looking forward.

Estimating FCFE: Disney

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- Net Income=\$ 1533 Million
- Capital spending = \$ 1,746 Million
- Depreciation per Share = \$1,134 Million
- Increase in non-cash working capital = \$477 Million
- □ Debt to Capital Ratio (DR) = 23.83%
- Estimating FCFE (1997):
 - Net Income

- \$1,533 Mil
- (Cap. Exp Depr)*(1-DR)
- Chg. Working Capital*(1-DR)
- = Free CF to Equity

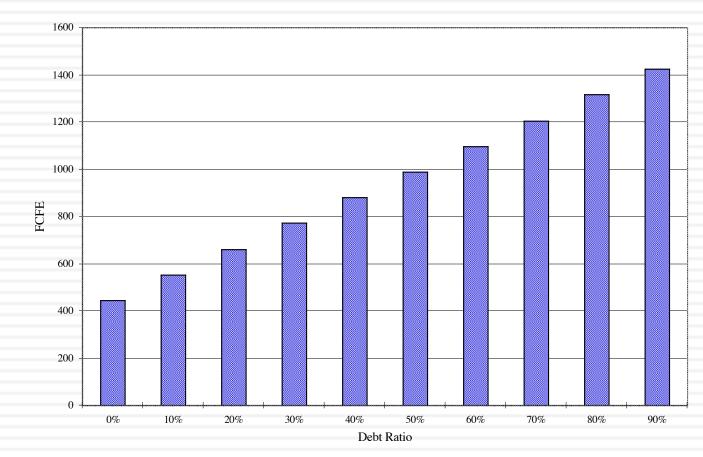
- \$465.90 [(1746-1134)(1-.2383)] \$363.33 [477(1-.2383)]
- \$ 704 Million

Dividends Paid

\$345 Million

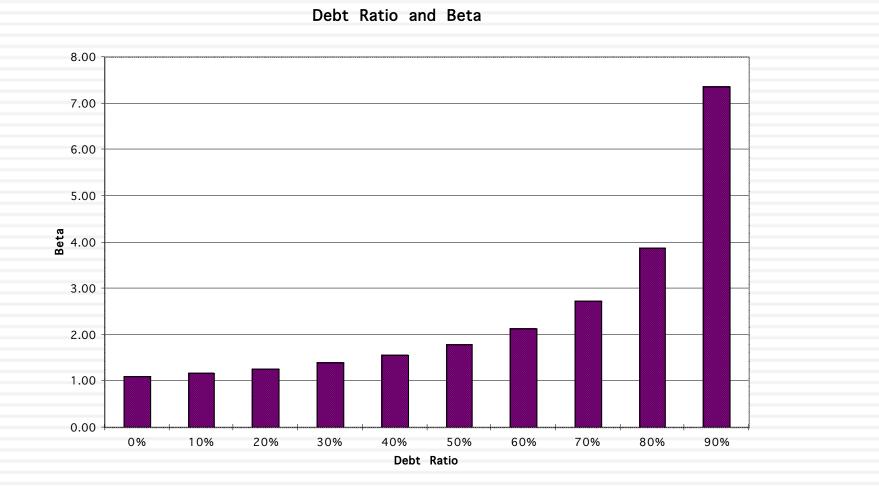
FCFE and Leverage: Is this a free lunch?

Debt Ratio and FCFE: Disney



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FCFE and Leverage: The Other Shoe Drops



Leverage, FCFE and Value

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- In a discounted cash flow model, increasing the debt/equity ratio will generally increase the expected free cash flows to equity investors over future time periods and also the cost of equity applied in discounting these cash flows. Which of the following statements relating leverage to value would you subscribe to?
 - a. Increasing leverage will increase value because the cash flow effects will dominate the discount rate effects
 - b. Increasing leverage will decrease value because the risk effect will be greater than the cash flow effects
 - c. Increasing leverage will not affect value because the risk effect will exactly offset the cash flow effect
 - d. Any of the above, depending upon what company you are looking at and where it is in terms of current leverage

Estimating Growth

Growth can be good, bad or neutral...

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The Value of Growth

- When valuing a company, it is easy to get caught up in the details of estimating growth and start viewing growth as a "good", i.e., that higher growth translates into higher value.
- □ Growth, though, is a double-edged sword.
 - The good side of growth is that it <u>pushes up revenues and</u> <u>operating income</u>, perhaps at different rates (depending on how margins evolve over time).
 - The bad side of growth is that you have to set aside money to reinvest to create that growth.
 - The net effect of growth is whether the good outweighs the bad.

Ways of Estimating Growth in Earnings

Look at the past

- The historical growth in earnings per share is usually a good starting point for growth estimation
- Look at what others are estimating
 - Analysts estimate growth in earnings per share for many firms. It is useful to know what their estimates are.

Look at fundamentals

- With stable margins, operating income growth can be tied to how much a firm reinvests, and the returns it earns.
- With changing margins, you have to start with revenue growth, forecast margins and estimate reinvestment.

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Historical Growth

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Historical Growth

- Historical growth rates can be estimated in a number of different ways
 - Arithmetic versus Geometric Averages
 - Simple versus Regression Models
- Historical growth rates can be sensitive to
 - The period used in the estimation (starting and ending points)
 - The metric that the growth is estimated in..
- In using historical growth rates, you have to wrestle with the following:
 - How to deal with negative earnings
 - The effects of scaling up

Motorola: Arithmetic versus Geometric Growth

Rates

	Re	evenues	% Change	E	BITDA	% Change	EBIT	% Change
1994	\$	22,245		\$	4,151		\$ 2,604	
1995	\$	27,037	21.54%	\$	4,850	16.84%	\$ 2,931	12.56%
1996	\$	27,973	3.46%	\$	4,268	-12.00%	\$ 1,960	-33.13%
1997	\$	29,794	6.51%	\$	4,276	0.19%	\$ 1,947	-0.66%
1998	\$	29,398	-1.33%	\$	3,019	-29.40%	\$ 822	-57.78%
1999	\$	30,931	5.21%	\$	5,398	78.80%	\$ 3,216	291.24%
Arithmetic Ave	erage		7.08%			10.89%		42.45%
Geometric Ave	erage		6.82%			5.39%		4.31%
Standard devia	ation		8.61%			41.56%		141.78%

A Test

- You are trying to estimate the growth rate in earnings per share at Time Warner from 1996 to 1997. In 1996, the earnings per share was a deficit of \$0.05. In 1997, the expected earnings per share is \$ 0.25. What is the growth rate?
- a. -600%
- b. +600%
- c. +120%
- d. Cannot be estimated

Dealing with Negative Earnings

 When the earnings in the starting period are negative, the growth rate cannot be estimated. (0.30/-0.05 = -600%)

There are three solutions:

- Use the higher of the two numbers as the denominator (0.30/0.25 = 120%)
- Use the absolute value of earnings in the starting period as the denominator (0.30/0.05=600%)
- Use a linear regression model and divide the coefficient by the average earnings.
- When earnings are negative, the growth rate is meaningless. Thus, while the growth rate can be estimated, it does not tell you much about the future.

The Effect of Size on Growth: Callaway Golf

Year	Net Profit	Growth Rate
1990	1.80	
1991	6.40	255.56%
1992	19.30	201.56%
1993	41.20	113.47%
1994	78.00	89.32%
1995	97.70	25.26%
1996	122.30	25.18%

□ Geometric Average Growth Rate = 102%

Extrapolation and its Dangers

Year	Net Profit
1996	\$ 122.30
1997	\$ 247.05
1998	\$ 499.03
1999	\$ 1,008.05
2000	\$ 2,036.25
2001	\$ 4,113.23

 If net profit continues to grow at the same rate as it has in the past 6 years, the expected net income in 5 years will be \$ 4.113 billion.

Growth II

Analyst Estimates

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Analyst Forecasts of Growth

- While the job of an analyst is to find under and over valued stocks in the sectors that they follow, a significant proportion of an analyst's time (outside of selling) is spent forecasting earnings per share.
 - Most of this time, in turn, is spent forecasting earnings per share in the next earnings report
 - While many analysts forecast expected growth in earnings per share over the next 5 years, the analysis and information (generally) that goes into this estimate is far more limited.
- Analyst forecasts of earnings per share and expected growth are widely disseminated by services such as Zacks and IBES, at least for U.S companies.

How good are analysts at forecasting growth?

Analysts forecasts of EPS tend to be closer to the actual EPS than simple time series models, but the differences tend to be small

	Study	Group tested	Analyst	Time Series
			Error	Model Error
Collins &	& Норwоо	d Value Line Forecasts	31.7%	34.1%
Brown &	& Rozeff	Value Line Forecasts	28.4%	32.2%
Fried &	Givoly	Earnings Forecaster	16.4%	19.8%

- The advantage that analysts have over time series models
 - tends to decrease with the forecast period (next quarter versus 5 years)
 - tends to be greater for larger firms than for smaller firms
 - tends to be greater at the industry level than at the company level
- Forecasts of growth (and revisions thereof) tend to be highly correlated across analysts.

Are some analysts more equal than others?

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- A study of All-America Analysts (chosen by Institutional Investor) found that
 - There is no evidence that analysts who are chosen for the All-America Analyst team were chosen because they were better forecasters of earnings. (Their median forecast error in the quarter prior to being chosen was 30%; the median forecast error of other analysts was 28%)
 - However, in the calendar year following being chosen as All-America analysts, these analysts become slightly better forecasters than their less fortunate brethren. (The median forecast error for All-America analysts is 2% lower than the median forecast error for other analysts)
 - Earnings revisions made by All-America analysts tend to have a much greater impact on the stock price than revisions from other analysts
 - The recommendations made by the All America analysts have a greater impact on stock prices (3% on buys; 4.7% on sells). For these recommendations the price changes are sustained, and they continue to rise in the following period (2.4% for buys; 13.8% for the sells).

The Five Deadly Sins of an Analyst

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- <u>Tunnel Vision</u>: Becoming so focused on the sector and valuations within the sector that you lose sight of the bigger picture.
- Lemmingitis: Strong urge felt to change recommendations & revise earnings estimates when other analysts do the same.
- Stockholm Syndrome: Refers to analysts who start identifying with the managers of the firms that they are supposed to follow.
- <u>Factophobia</u> (generally is coupled with delusions of being a famous story teller): Tendency to base a recommendation on a "story" coupled with a refusal to face the facts.
- Dr. Jekyll/Mr.Hyde: Analyst who thinks his primary job is to bring in investment banking business to the firm.

Propositions about Analyst Growth Rates

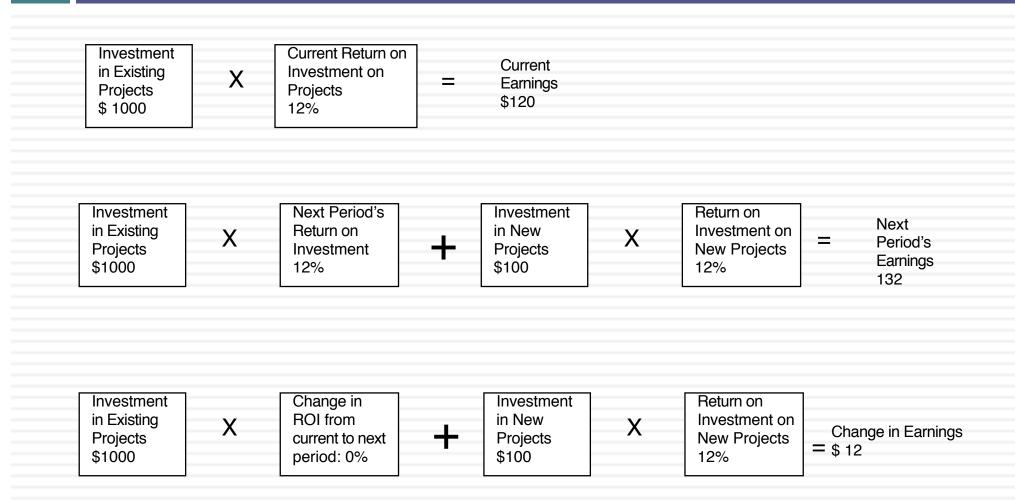
- <u>Proposition 1</u>: There if far less private information and far more public information in most analyst forecasts than is generally claimed.
- Proposition 2: The biggest source of private information for analysts remains the company itself which might explain
 - why there are more buy recommendations than sell recommendations (information bias and the need to preserve sources)
 - why there is such a high correlation across analysts forecasts and revisions
 - why All-America analysts become better forecasters than other analysts after they are chosen to be part of the team.
- Proposition 3: There is value to knowing what analysts are forecasting as earnings growth for a firm. There is, however, danger when they agree too much (lemmingitis) and when they agree to little (in which case the information that they have is so noisy as to be useless).

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Sustainable growth and Fundamentals

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Fundamental Growth Rates



Growth Rate Derivations

In the special case where ROI on existing projects remains unchanged and is equal to the ROI on new projects

Investment in New Projects Current Earnings	Х	Return on Investment	=	<u>Change in Earnings</u> Current Earnings
<u>100</u> 120	Х	12%	=	<u>\$12</u> \$120
Reinvestment Rate	Х	Return on Investment	=	Growth Rate in Earnings
83.33%	Х	12%	=	10%

in the more general case where ROI can change from period to period, this can be expanded as follows:

Investment in Existing Projects*(Change in ROI) + New Projects (ROI)	_	Change in Earnings
Investment in Existing Projects* Current ROI	_	Current Earnings

For instance, if the ROI increases from 12% to 13%, the expected growth rate can be written as follows:

<u>\$1,000 * (.1312) + 100 (13%)</u>	_ <u>\$23</u> _ 19.17%
\$ 1000 * .12	$=$ $_{\$120}$ $=$ $^{19.17\%}$
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Estimating Fundamental Growth from new investments: Three variations

Earnings Measure	Reinvestment Measure	Return Measure	
Earnings per share	Retention Ratio = % of net income retained by the company = 1 – Payout ratio	Return on Equity = Net Income/ Book Value of Equity	
Net Income from non-cash assets	Equity reinvestment Rate = (Net Cap Ex + Change in non-cash WC – Change in Debt)/ (Net Income)	Non-cash ROE = Net Income from non-cash assets/ (Book value of equity – Cash)	
Operating Income	Reinvestment Rate = (Net Cap Ex + Change in non- cash WC)/ After-tax Operating Income	Return on Capital or ROIC = After-tax Operating Income/ (Book value of equity + Book value of debt – Cash)	
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I. Expected Long Term Growth in EPS

- When looking at growth in earnings per share, these inputs can be cast as follows:
 - Reinvestment Rate = Retained Earnings/ Current Earnings = Retention Ratio
 - Return on Investment = ROE = Net Income/Book Value of Equity
- In the special case where the current ROE is expected to remain unchanged
 - g_{EPS} = Retained Earnings $_{t-1}$ / NI $_{t-1}$ * ROE
 - = Retention Ratio * ROE
 - = b * ROE
- □ In 2008, using this approach on Wells Fargo:
 - □ Return on equity (based on 2008 earnings)= 17.56%
 - Retention Ratio (based on 2008 earnings and dividends) = 45.37%
 - Expected growth rate in earnings per share for Wells Fargo, if it can maintain these numbers.

Expected Growth Rate = 0.4537 (17.56%) = 7.97%

One way to pump up ROE: Use more debt

Return on Equity = Return on capital + D/E (ROC - i (1-tax rate)) where

Return on capital = $EBIT_t$ (1 - tax rate) / Book value of Capital_{t-1}

D/E = BV of Debt/ BV of Equity

i = Interest Expense on Debt / BV of Debt

- In 1998, Brahma (now Ambev) had an extremely high return on equity, partly because it borrowed money at a rate well below its return on capital
 - Return on Capital = 19.91%
 - Debt/Equity Ratio = 77%
 - After-tax Cost of Debt = 5.61%
 - Return on Equity = ROC + D/E (ROC i(1-t))

= 19.91% + 0.77 (19.91% - 5.61%) = 30.92%

II. Expected Growth in Net Income from noncash assets

- A more general version of expected growth in earnings can be obtained by substituting in the equity reinvestment into real investments (net capital expenditures and working capital) and modifying the return on equity definition to exclude cash:
 - Net Income from non-cash assets = Net income Interest income from cash (1-t)
 - Equity Reinvestment Rate = (Net Capital Expenditures + Change in Working Capital) (1 - Debt Ratio)/ Net Income from non-cash assets
 - Non-cash ROE = Net Income from non-cash assets/ (BV of Equity Cash)
 - Expected Growth_{Net Income} = Equity Reinvestment Rate * Non-cash ROE
- Th equity reinvestment rate, unlike the retention ratio, can be higher than 100%, and if it is, the expected growth rate in net income can exceed the return on equity.

Estimating expected growth in net income from non-cash assets: Coca Cola in 2010

- In 2010, Coca Cola reported net income of \$11,809 million. It had a total book value of equity of \$25,346 million at the end of 2009. Coca Cola had a cash balance of \$7,021 million at the end of 2009, on which it earned income of \$105 million in 2010.
 - Non-cash Net Income = \$11,809 \$105 = \$11,704 million
 - Non-cash book equity = \$25,346 \$7021 = \$18,325 million
 - Non-cash ROE = \$11,704 million/ \$18,325 million = 63.87%
- Coca Cola had capital expenditures of \$2,215 million, depreciation of \$1,443 million and reported an increase in working capital of \$335 million. Coca Cola's total debt increased by \$150 million during 2010.
 - Equity Reinvestment = 2215- 1443 + 335-150 = \$957 million
 - Reinvestment Rate = \$957 million/ \$11,704 million= 8.18%
- □ Expected growth rate in non-cash Net Income = 8.18% * 63.87% = 5.22%

III. Expected Growth in EBIT And Fundamentals: Stable ROC and Reinvestment Rate

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- When looking at growth in operating income, the definitions are
 - Reinvestment Rate = (Net Capital Expenditures + Change in WC)/EBIT(1-t)
 - Return on Investment = ROC = EBIT(1-t)/(BV of Debt + BV of Equity-Cash)
- Reinvestment Rate and Return on Capital
 - Expected Growth rate in Operating Income
 - = (Net Capital Expenditures + Change in WC)/EBIT(1-t) * ROC
 - = Reinvestment Rate * ROC
- Proposition: The net capital expenditure needs of a firm, for a given growth rate, should be inversely proportional to the quality of its investments.

Estimating Growth in Operating Income, if fundamentals stay locked in...

- □ In 1999, Cisco's fundamentals were as follows:
 - Reinvestment Rate = 106.81%
 - Return on Capital =34.07%
 - Expected Growth in EBIT =(1.0681)(.3407) = 36.39%
- As a potential investor in Cisco, what would worry you the most about this forecast?
 - a. That Cisco's return on capital may be overstated (why?)
 - b. That Cisco's reinvestment comes mostly from acquisitions (why?)
 - c. That Cisco is getting bigger as a firm (why?)
 - d. That Cisco is viewed as a star (why?)
 - e. All of the above

The Magical Number: ROIC (or any accounting return) and its limits

